REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully

solicited.

Claims 15, 16, 26, and 97 through 102 are pending, with Claims 15, 26, and 97

being independent. Claims 97 through 102 have been added.

Applicants respectfully wish to point out that Claim 97 has been formulated upon

the basis of Claim 15 with a number of changes including replacing the reading, acknowledging,

determining, and opening steps with steps of reading and unlocking as claimed.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice

of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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